

The Book of Ephesians Part 2

Ephesians 4:1-32

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The Apostle Paul, the prisoner of the Lord in Rome, implores us or begs us to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called”. The invitation by which we were called by God in Christ Jesus our Lord. As the followers of Christ we are not to be high minded and puffed up but rather lowly and meek, with longsuffering, forbearing or putting up with one another in love. “And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8) Endeavoring or making effort “to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Recall the mystery that the Apostle Paul revealed to us in the previous chapter “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:” (Eph 3:4-6) “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:” (Eph 3:9) “According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:” (Eph 3:11)

The Apostle Paul continuing in speaking of this mystery begins to explain to us the Oneness of God and how Jesus Christ fulfills this revelation because our God is one.

There is only One body, The Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” (Rm 12:5) There is only One Spirit, The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ. “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Rm 8:9) There is only One hope, Eternal life through our Savior Jesus Christ. “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:” (Col 1:27)

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

There is only One Lord, Jesus whom God made both Lord and Christ. “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” (Acts 2:36) There is only One faith, The teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come

and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" (Phil 1:27) There is only One baptism, The baptism into the death of Jesus Christ. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Rm 6:3) This baptism is speaking of the baptism that we enter into the New Testament Covenant where we are instructed how to partake of the plan of salvation given to all mankind. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

There is only One God, His name was manifested by Jesus Christ. "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word." (Jn 17:6) There is only One Father, His name was declared by Jesus Christ. "And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." (Jn 17:26) There is only One door,

The door which is the Lord Jesus Christ. "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." (Jn 10:7)

Again, this is the Apostle Paul continuing to expound upon the mystery "Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" where he is explaining to us the Oneness of God and how Jesus Christ fulfills this revelation because our God is one.

There is only one mediator, The mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (1 Tim 2:5) There is only one veil, The flesh of Jesus Christ. "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;" (Heb 10:20)

With this clarification of the Apostle Paul's words that was spoken in Ephesians 4:4-6 and the drawing of your attention to the recognition that everything mentioned here is about the Lord Jesus Christ and the Oneness of God, We are to be "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

This captivity that was led captive was that of death as we will see in the next two verses of scriptures. Thank God for these wonderful gifts that were left for us. You may be wondering what are some of these gifts that were left for us. The Gift of Eternal Life, The Gift of the Holy Ghost, The nine Gifts of the Holy Ghost, The Gift of restoration of Sonship, The Gift of Grace, The Gift of Righteousness, The Gift of the five fold ministry, namely: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)

Upon the death of Jesus Christ his soul went into hell, “into the lower parts of the earth” to preach unto the imprisoned souls. At that time Hades in the Greek or hell had two compartments. Those that were in burning flame and torment and those that were in Abraham’s bosom paradise. Jesus came and preached to the imprisoned souls and those that were the righteous dead in paradise came out of their graves after the resurrection of Jesus Christ because Jesus took back the power the devil had over mankind which was death. Taking the keys of death and hell with him thus leading captivity (death) captive. Jesus led death captive and gave gifts unto men whereby we could be saved.

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.” (1 Peter 3:18-22) “Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” (Acts 2:26-27)

“And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.” (Lk 16:22-26)

Jesus being victorious over death and hell destroyed the power the devil had over mankind. “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;” (Heb 2:14) “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.” (Rev 1:18) “Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the

Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.” (Mt 28:5-7) “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” (Mt 27:52-53) “And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.” (Lk 24:50-53) “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;” (Heb 1:1-3)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

This is where the five fold ministry comes from. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. Some try to tie Pastors and Teachers together however this is incorrect from other verses of scriptures. “Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;” (Rm 12:7) The five fold ministry is given to the Church for three very important reasons. 1) “For the perfecting of the saints”. Meaning to make us complete in doctrinal knowledge and understanding so that we are of full understanding of how we are to conduct ourselves as the Body of Christ the Church of God. 2) “for the work of the ministry”. Each of these classes of ministry have their part in the Body of Christ and are necessary for the work of the ministry. 3) “for the edifying of the body of Christ”. Meaning that by this five fold ministry of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers the Body of Christ is edified by their instruction and gifts of the Spirit that God has given to profit withal. We learn from verse thirteen that these three important reasons of the five fold ministry is so that 1) “we all come in the unity of the faith”. This meaning that we each have gained the same doctrinal knowledge and understanding of the gospel teaching of Jesus Christ as well as the other doctrines within the Word of God. To be unified in the faith. 2) “and of the knowledge of the Son of God”. The five fold ministry is to bring us to the “the unity of the faith” and this “unity of the faith” includes the correct understanding “of the knowledge of the Son of God”. Who Jesus is and why Jesus was manifested to us. 3) “unto a perfect man”. Meaning with this doctrinal knowledge and understanding given to us by the five fold ministry it will bring us “unto a perfect man” so 5) “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”. We are to be rooted and grounded in the doctrine so that we are not deceived by those who “lie in wait to deceive”. This you will only avoid if you are studious in the scriptures. “And the

brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.” (Acts 17:10-12) We must “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. “ (2 Tim 2:15)

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

The five fold ministry as well as the witnesses of Jesus Christ who have been taught this truth must be “speaking the truth in love” that we “may grow up into him in all things” thus avoiding the error of those who “lie in wait to deceive”. “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” (Acts 20:29-30) For “...Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.” (Eph 5:23)

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The Body of Christ of which Christ is the head of the Body, the Church, is “fitly joined together” “For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.” (1 Cor 12:24-25) The Body is “fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth”. “For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.” (1 Cor 12:14-23) Each member of the Body is of extreme importance and “according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” Thus the Body of Christ grows.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

The Apostle Paul admonishes us “walk not as other Gentiles walk” “being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:”. These people are blinded by satan and thus their hearts are blinded! “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Cor 4:3-4)

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (Jn 14:6) “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (1 Jn 5:20)

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

To “put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” you must be born again. By the “one baptism” taking on the name of our “One Lord” which is the epitome of our “one faith” that we are “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” which takes place when we obey Acts 2:38 which reads, “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38) This is how we “put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Eph 2:10)

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” (Rm 6:12-14)

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

Giving place to anger will allow a root of bitterness to spring up in you and this bitterness will destroy you as you have given place to the devil to take advantage. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;" (Heb 12:14-15) "let not the sun go down upon your wrath" "For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." (James 1:20) "To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Cor 2:10-11)

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

We need to always be ready to give according to what we have. "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." (Rm 12:13)

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Our speech should always be "good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col 4:6) "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:11)

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Remember "ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Eph 1:13-14) "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Cor 3:17) Let us not grieve "the holy Spirit of God".

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

This is how those who have put "on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" should conduct their behavior as mentioned above and continued into the next chapter.

Ephesians 5:1-33

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Cor 5:21) “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” (1 Jn 2:6)

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:” (1 Thess 4:3-5)

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thess 5:18)

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

“Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Mt 7:16-20)

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

In the last portion of this chapter the Apostle Paul is going to be speaking of the relationship between Christ and the Church, which is a great mystery.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” (2 Cor 11:2)

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” (1 Cor 11:3)

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

“He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.” (Jn 21:17) “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28) “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.” (1 Peter 5:2-4)

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.” (1 Cor 6:15-18)

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

This is a great mystery concerning Christ and the Church of which Christ is espoused too. While also applying this to the husband and to the wife. The Apostle Paul continues with how the children are to behave as well as fathers, and servants and their masters.

Ephesians 6:1-24

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

It is crucial that the father bring up their children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” As head of the house this responsibility falls entirely upon the father to make sure that this is taking place. This is not to be passed off to the wife as “the husband is the head of the wife”. However, as the father “provoke not your children to wrath”.

5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

The Apostle Paul speaking of servants and masters gives commandments of the conduct that should be displayed by each. We are not given enough information to determine if these were voluntary servants or forced servants. Either way this is the proper way of the conduct of the servant and the master.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” (2 Cor 10:3-5)

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” (James 4:7-8)

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” (1 Peter 5:8-9)

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.